

Docket No.: 050023-0153



PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Naoki TAKAHASHI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 9518  
Application No.: 09/970,084 : Group Art Unit: 2626  
Filed: October 04, 2001 : Examiner: Charlotte Baker  
For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND PROCESSING APPARATUS

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Mail Stop Status Inquiry  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on October 4, 2001. Since more than three years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before February 18, 2002 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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